

# AGRICULTURAL.

## Save the Liquid Manure.

According to the experiments of the best German chemists, the liquid manure from the horse amounts to one and a half tons per year, which contains nitrogen and potash worth \$12.75. The cow furnishes four tons, containing \$14 worth of the same elements. These figures show the importance of saving all the liquid manure possible, even if only one-half the whole quantity be voided at the stables. If two horses and ten cows are kept, the liquid manure they would make, provided it could all be saved, would be worth \$165.50, or enough to buy about four tons of good phosphate. If but one half of it is voided in the barn, and the half that is wasted for the lack of absorbents, or washed away by rains, would require a ton of phosphate to replace the loss.

If it will pay to build a silo for a herd of ten cows, will it not pay to build a cistern to hold the liquid manure of the same number of animals? If dry earth or peat be used as absorbents it would require at least its own weight in liquid to be absorbed. Would it not be easier to pump out and spread forty tons of liquid, than to draw in forty tons of dry earth and draw out eighty tons saturated with moisture. These are practical questions for the consideration of the farmers, and worthy of their study.

If such a cistern were built, would it not pay to allow soap and all waste water from the house to run into it, thus saving whatever of fertilizing value may be in them, and at the same time disposing of a material which is too often a nuisance about the house, and which, in a few years, may so saturate the ground near where the sink pipes discharge as to drain back into the well and pollute the water supply of the house? Such a dilution of the liquid from the stables would only better fit it for application to the soil.

## Saving Seed Corn.

Every farmer who has a good variety either of field corn or sweet corn should save his own seed, and should try to select it, so that it will improve under his cultivation rather than grow poorer. Attention to a few rules will enable him to do this with almost absolute certainty. Seed taken from stalks which produce two or more good ears will produce more stalks bearing two ears, or more than that taken from stalks bearing only one ear; but this difference is seldom very perceptible the first year, as corn is not self-fertilizing. After three years' selection the difference becomes very noticeable, and will make a corresponding increase in yield per acre.

An ear of corn showing kernels of more than one variety will produce ears which show the mixture more plainly than another ear, even if the intermixed kernels are not planted.

After seed corn is selected there is no better way of keeping it than the old-fashioned method of braiding the husks together and hanging it up in a dry place out of the way of rats and mice. Freezing will not hurt it if it is fully dry, but dampness will. Even if it does not entirely destroy the germinating power, it weakens the plant and reduces the crop. Different farmers will not agree upon the variety of corn most profitable to grow, as a kind adapted to one soil may not do as well on another. That which will give large yield upon rich soil under good cultivation might not perfect its growth under less favorable circumstances; while a kind that would grow upon poor soil could not give as large a crop as another kind if put in good soil. If the kernel is large and plump there will be greater weight of shelled corn to the bushel of ears. If in addition to these qualities the kernels are in straight even rows from the butt upward, and will cover the tips of the ear, the ears starting from the stalk near the ground of good size, and abundant enough to promise a profitable yield, then it may be considered a good variety of corn.

## Broken Legs.

I have known valuable horses, as well as other animals being killed because of their legs having been broken. A large proportion of these have been saved by proper treatment. The difficulty of managing an animal in the ordinary way with a broken leg, is that it keeps straining the leg, thus preventing the broken parts from knitting together. If the leg is swollen, cold water is one of the best applications for removing the swelling, and this should have immediate attention. After the bone is carefully set, encase the fractured (also a space above and below them) with heavy leather, something like a boot leg. Tin or wood might answer the same purpose. It should be large enough to leave two inches space all round the leg, which space should be filled in with solid wet plaster of Paris. The latter will harden very quickly and hold the bone as securely in position as though it were in a block of wood, still allowing a free circulation of blood within the leg.—*Exchange.*

## Improvements and Repairs.

Those who do not have wheat to sow can perhaps find time to make what are called permanent improvements. Ditching and draining of land, building walls and fences, or removing those which are not needed and cumber the ground, cutting down unsightly hedges, which harbor insects and vermin, carting sand or loam upon low land, digging much to use as an absorbent in stables and yards, all may come under this head. This is a good season for painting buildings and wood work of machinery and plows. With the prepared ready-mixed paints in the market the farmer can do much of this himself, if he has not other occupation, especially where the object is preservation of the wood rather than ornament. Paint and putty properly used add greatly to the durability of wood, and the farm carts and wagons should receive attention every year, as well as smaller tools.

**INFLAMED EYES.**—A horse whose eye is inflamed from any cause should be protected from the light and the eye strengthened as much as possible by toxic applications, as cold solution of three grains of sulphate of zinc to one of water. In case of dust, a wire frame fitted with a fine green gauze should be fitted over the eyes to arrest the dust.

**FILTHY STABLES.**—According to Dr. J. C. Peters, it is filth that causes most of the diseases of domestic animals. He mentions, particularly the habit of allowing bedding and manure to accumulate under the horses and other animals in stables. The impure air thus generated is peculiarly well adapted to injure the health of the animals compelled to breathe it.

# Wheat Culture.

In many sections the labor of putting in the wheat will be an important part of the labor this month. The ground will need at least one more thorough stirring with cultivator or harrow before the seed is sown. It cannot be made too mellow or too finely pulverized for a seed bed, and as each stirring assists in germinating and destroying the weed seed that lies dormant in the soil it will allow the plants to get better growth before the weeds spring up to choke them out, and give cleaner crops next year. No seed should be used which has not been first carefully screened and winnowed, for the removal of old stuff from it, and to take out shrunken, light or imperfect seed of any kind.

The usual amount of seed used is from one bushel to five pecks to the acre when drilled in, and about half a bushel more when sown broadcast, to make up for loss of seed by covering too deep or not deep enough, the proper depth being about one and a half to two inches. If all seed could be placed at equal distances apart, and at equal depths, a much less amount of seed would be sufficient. A Connecticut farmer sowed about two hundred rods of drill with one quart of wheat, and harvested eight bushels, and thought he would have had more if birds and neighbors, to whom a wheat head is a curiosity, could have been kept away from it. As there could be over 2,600 rods of drill, one foot apart, in an acre, it would require a little over thirteen quarts of seed, and a yield equal to his would give over a hundred bushels per acre, or fifty bushels per acre could be grown in drills at two feet apart, from six and a half quarts of seed. We do not advise farmers to go so far as this in the matter of light seeding. They cannot all have old garden soil to sow their seed upon, nor give it garden cultivation, but we give this as an illustration of the possibilities of light seeding in good soil.

The use of a good superphosphate has been found to greatly stimulate the growth of wheat; but the difference in phosphates is but imperfectly understood even by those who have used them for many years, and many fail in their experiments because of not knowing how to adapt them to their crops or soils. As a general rule, it may be said that for this crop ammonia or nitrogen increases the growth of leaf and stalk, and makes it more rapid, potash stiffens the straw and prevents the lodging of the grain, and phosphoric acid makes a plumper, heavier grain, and a better flour. Of course each of these ingredients assists in other ways; but these hints may help the farmer to improve his crop when he knows in what particular he has failed in years past.

**FLINTY CORN.**—A gentleman in the Western part of the State writes as follows: "I mail you to-day an ear of corn from seed brought from Rhode Island (my native State) planted April 12th, and gathered August 11th. Two and three ears grow on one stalk, and at home, on good soil, has been known to yield 70 bushels of corn to the acre."

The corn is of the flinty variety so valued for conversion into breadstuff and hominy. The ear is of medium size, and is well filled with grains. The cob is usually small.—*N. C. Agricultural Bulletin.*

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We have them and will sell you cheap. Come and see what bargains we are offering.

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They neutralize and prevent the irritating rays of light from entering the eye.

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The common, inferior Spectacles, which are sold and bought regardless of the quality of accuracy, are made from inferior material or imperfect Lenses discarded from better grades, they stimulate heat, irritate and fatigue the eye, thereby causing a host of evils, and finally fail to correct all optical defects.

We wish to impress upon the public the importance of taking good care of their eyes, and neglect using glasses when the first symptoms of failing sight appear. Every genuine pair is stamped with Trade-Mark-BP. The Pebbles are set in Gold, Silver, Celluloid, Steel, Nickel, and Rubber Frames.

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